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which you are commenting, send your comments to us in either of the following ways:

(1) By mail to: Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL 401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) Through the Internet to *http://dms.dot.gov*.

(b) Make sure that your comments reach us by the deadline set out in the rulemaking document on which you are commenting. We will consider late filed comments to the extent possible.

(c) We may reject comments that are not relevant to the rulemaking. We may reject comments you file electronically if you do not follow the electronic filing instructions at the DOT Web site.

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§ 106.75 Extension of time to file comments.

You may ask for more time to file comments on a rulemaking proceeding. If PHMSA grants your request, it is granted to all persons. We will notify the public of the extension by publishing a document in the FEDERAL REGISTER. If PHMSA denies your request, PHMSA will notify you of the denial. To ask for more time, you must do the following:

(a) File a request for extension at least ten days before the end of the comment period established in the rulemaking document.

(b) Show that you have good cause for the extension and that an extension is in the public interest.

(c) Include the docket number of the rulemaking document you are seeking additional time to comment on, clearly set out at the beginning of your request.

(d) Send your request to: Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL 401, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

PUBLIC MEETINGS AND OTHER PROCEEDINGS

§ 106.80 Public meeting procedures.

A public meeting is a non-adversarial, fact-finding proceeding con-

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ducted by a PHMSA representative. Generally, public meetings are announced in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Interested persons are invited to attend and to present their views to the agency on specific issues. There are no formal pleadings and no adverse parties, and any regulation issued afterward is not necessarily based exclusively on the record of the meeting. Sections 556 and 557 of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 556 and 557) do not apply to public meetings under this part.

§ 106.85 Requesting a public meeting.

(a) You may ask for a public meeting by filing a written request with PHMSA no later than 20 days before the expiration of the comment period specified in the rulemaking document. Send your request for a public meeting to: Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL 401, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(b) PHMSA will review your request and, if you have shown good cause for a public meeting, we will grant it and publish a notice of the meeting in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

§ 106.90 Other rulemaking proceedings.

During a rulemaking proceeding, PHMSA may invite you to do the following:

(a) Participate in a conference at which minutes are taken.

(b) Make an oral presentation.

(c) Participate in any other public proceeding to ensure that PHMSA makes informed decisions during the rulemaking process and to protect the public interest, including a negotiated rulemaking or work group led by a facilitator.

PETITIONS FOR RULEMAKING

§ 106.95 Requesting a change to the regulations.

You may ask PHMSA to add, amend, or delete a regulation by filing a petition for rulemaking as follows:

(a) For regulations in 49 CFR parts 110, 130, 171 through 180, submit the petition to: Office of Hazardous Materials

Standards, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Attn: PHH-10, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(b) For regulations in 49 CFR parts 105, 106, or 107, submit the petition to: Office of the Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Attn: PHC-10, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

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§ 106.105 PHMSA response to a petition for rulemaking.

We will review and respond to your petition for rulemaking as follows:

If your petition is . . .	And if we determine that . . .	Then . . .
(a) Incomplete	We may return your petition with a written explanation.
(b) Complete ..	Your petition does not justify a rule-making action.	We will notify you in writing that we will not start a rule-making proceeding.
(c) Complete ..	Your petition does justify a rule-making action.	We will notify you in writing that we will start a rulemaking proceeding.

APPEALS

§ 106.110 Appealing a PHMSA Action.

You may appeal the following PHMSA actions:

(a) PHMSA's issuance of a final rule or PHMSA's withdrawal of a notice of proposed rulemaking under the rule-making procedures in this part. However, you may appeal PHMSA's issuance of a direct final rule only if you previously filed comments to the direct final rule (see § 106.40(e)).

(b) Any PHMSA decision on a petition for rulemaking.

§ 106.115 Required information for an appeal.

(a) *Appeal of a final rule or withdrawal of a notice of proposed rulemaking.* If you appeal PHMSA's issuance of a final rule or PHMSA's withdrawal of a notice of proposed rulemaking, your appeal must include the following:

(1) The docket number of the rule-making you are concerned about, clear-

ly set out at the beginning of your appeal.

(2) A brief statement of your concern about the final rule or the withdrawal of notice of proposed rulemaking at issue.

(3) An explanation of why compliance with the final rule is not practical, reasonable, or in the public interest.

(4) If you want PHMSA to consider more facts, the reason why you did not present those facts within the time given during the rulemaking process for public comment.

(b) *Appeal of a decision.* If you appeal PHMSA's decision on a petition for rulemaking, you must include the following:

(1) The contested aspects of the decision.

(2) Any new arguments or information.

§ 106.120 Appeal deadline.

(a) *Appeal of a final rule or withdrawal of a notice of proposed rulemaking.* If you appeal PHMSA's issuance of a final rule or PHMSA's withdrawal of a proposed rulemaking, your appeal document must reach us no later than 30 days after the date PHMSA published the regulation or the withdrawal notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER. After that time, PHMSA will consider your appeal to be a petition for rulemaking under § 106.100.

(b) *Appeal of a decision.* If you appeal PHMSA's decision on a petition for rulemaking, your appeal document must reach us no later than 30 days from the date PHMSA served you with written notice of PHMSA's decision.

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§ 106.125 Filing an appeal.

Send your appeal to: Docket Management System, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL 401, 400 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

§ 106.130 PHMSA response to an appeal.

Unless PHMSA provides otherwise, filing an appeal will not keep a final rule from becoming effective. We will handle an appeal according to the following procedures:

(a) *Appeal of a final rule or withdrawal of a notice of proposed rulemaking.* (1) We